

Dear Members of the Connecticut Human Services Committee:

My name is Josué Guzman, I am 24 years old and I live in Hartford. I'm a member of *Hartford Deportation Defense*. I'm in favor of **HB6616: An Act Concerning Expansion Of Husky Health Benefits To Those Ineligible Due To Immigration Status**.

I am in favor of benefiting all of us with health insurance without discriminating against anyone, no matter what their immigration status is.

Some time ago I came to the clinic with a very bad toothache and they could not extract the tooth. They gave me a referral to go to the hospital. I called the hospital to quote the cost of the surgery and it was very expensive, it cost 1800 dollars. It was very expensive because I didn't have medical insurance but because of the situation I was going through I had to go to the hospital. I still have that debt.

**I support HB6616** and hope the committee will vote in favor of continuing to expand HUSKY health insurance for our immigrant communities. Expanding to age 26 is a great step but we must continue to move forward until all ages have access.

Thanks for your time,  
*Josue Guzman*